

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 8 and add new claims 24-26 as follows:

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1. (Currently Amended) ~~In a client device, a~~ A method comprising:
receiving ~~externally provided~~ control operations from a source external to a client device;
determining a current operating state of said client device;
determining whether execution of said received control operations are permitted while
said client device is in said current operating state; and
~~conditionally~~ executing said received control operations if said execution has been
determined to be of said control operations are permitted while said client device is in said
~~determined current operating state.~~

2 (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving externally provided control operations includes receiving a system reset operation.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving externally provided control operations includes receiving a system power operation.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said externally provided control operations are received from a server device coupled to said client device over a network.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said current operating state of said client device is determined by inspecting at least one status register on said client.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said control operations are permitted while said client device is in a system hung state.

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7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said externally provided control operations are received via a network data packet encapsulated according to a remote management and control protocol (RMCP).

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
a first electronic component;
a bus;
a sensor coupled to said bus and said first electronic component to sense events in said first electronic component; and
a second electronic component coupled to said bus to conditionally cause said first electronic component to perform a plurality of functions through said sensor, via said bus, responsive to ~~externally provided~~ control operations from a source external to the apparatus.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein said first electronic component further comprises a reset pin, and wherein said second electronic component coupled to said bus conditionally causes said first electronic component to perform a reset function.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said first electronic component includes a processor.

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11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein said bus includes a system management bus.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising a network controller.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said external control operations are provided by a server device connected to said apparatus through said network controller.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising:
an operating system; and
a processor to execute said operating system.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein said second electronic component conditionally causes said first electronic component to perform said plurality of functions prior to said operating system having been executed by said processor.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein said externally provided control operations are encapsulated in a remote management and control protocol (RMCP) formed data packet.

17 – 23 (Withdrawn)

24. (New) A system comprising:

a proxy to translate command data received from an application external to a client device to client-based hardware control data and to transmit the control data to the client device; and

client hardware within the client device to parse the control data from the proxy and to execute control operations corresponding to the control data if the control operations are permitted in the client device's current operating state.

25. (New) The system of claim 24, wherein the proxy is located at a management server external to the client device.

26. (New) The system of claim 25, wherein the management server is connected to the client device via a network.